

CITY OF LENS IS DOOMED; GERMANS DRIVEN BACK

SMASHING BLOWS OF BRITISH FORCE ENEMY TO QUIT TRENCH LINES GUARDING COAL CENTER

Teutons Fighting Desperately in Town's Ruins—Canadians Capture Suburb. Foe Trapped in Dugouts and Killed by Bombs

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, June 28. Reduced to necessity of fighting from the ruins of a burned city, their powerful trenches outside the town having been taken, the Germans' position in Lens became extremely critical this afternoon with fresh British advances. The Germans blew up a bridge over the Souchez River leading to the city from the outskirts of Avion, now in full possession of the British. Canadian patrols were reported at headquarters this afternoon as having arrived close to Mercicourt. Canadian forces have already taken the village of Elen-dit-Leauvette, one-half mile from the city limits of Lens. Astride the Lens-Arras Railroad, the Canadians are pressing further forward toward Lens as this cable is written. A portion of the Avion-Mercicourt enemy "switch line" has just been captured—and with very slight losses to the British. Prussian troops, trapped in dugouts in this section, refused to surrender and the positions were cleared by bombs. The enemy in the coal mines between the forks of the Arras-Lens and Drocourt-Lens Railway is bitterly resisting the British advance, but this afternoon it was asserted the British had the situation "well in hand." The British now touch Lens proper on three sides.

Elen-dit-Leauvette is located half a mile beyond Lievin, where some time ago the Germans made a desperate stand against the British advance. Avion, where the Canadians last week made some brilliant advances, is about three-quarters of a mile to the south of Lens and about the same distance southeast of Elen-dit-Leauvette.

AUSTRIA SHIFTS TROOPS, FEARING RUSSIAN DRIVE

ROME, June 28. The Central Powers are beginning to feel that Russia will soon be an active participant in the Allied plans of joint offensive operations. Word received from the front today asserted that there were evidences there that a considerable number of Austrian divisions had been hurriedly withdrawn from the Italian front and transferred back to the Russian front. Many of these were troops which were shifted from the northern fighting line at the height of General Cadorna's offensive to stiffen the weakening enemy front. At the time the Central Powers were confident of success of their separate plot against Russia, and had virtually stopped all fighting on the Russian front by deliberately schemed fraternization with the soldiers opposing them.

GERMANS AGAIN FAIL IN ATTACK ON FRENCH

PARIS, June 28. A violent artillery engagement today succeeded the infantry fighting in the Hurbetise and Cornillet sectors of the French front, according to the official statement. A German attack directed against the Waterville salient failed. A number of the enemy were killed.

UNCLE SAM WILL PAY WAR BILLS PROMPTLY

Quartermaster General Sends Reassuring Letter to General Munitions Board. WASHINGTON, June 28.—Contractors who are hesitating to accept Government work, fearing that payment will be unreasonably delayed, were assured today by Quartermaster General Sharpe, in an open letter to the general munitions board of the Council of National Defense, that all debts contracted by the War or Navy Departments for war materials will be promptly paid.

Motorist Hits Aged Woman

Patrick Keaveney, eighteen years old, 2126 Watkins street, was held under \$500 bail this afternoon by Magistrate Beaton, accused of assault and battery and reckless driving. As she was crossing Germantown avenue at Sunnyside, Mrs. Mary Keaveney, eighty-two years old, 2211 North eighth street, was struck by the motorist, driven by Keaveney. Mrs. Keaveney was taken to the Stratton Hospital, where it was said that owing to her advanced age Mrs. Keaveney was in a very serious condition.

Boy Struck by Motorcar

Harold Smith, eleven years old, 1736 North Nineteenth street, was knocked down by an automobile this afternoon at Oxford and Bouvier streets, suffering lacerations to the scalp. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. The machine was driven by Carl Meyer, 208 Cynwold avenue.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Friday, with probably thundershowers; continued moderately warm; gentle variable winds. LENGTH OF DAY 12:43 a.m. Moon sets 6:44 a.m. BELLAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET 7:06 a.m. High water; 8:39 a.m. Low water; 2:40 a.m. Low water; 3:06 p.m. High water; 7:06 a.m. High water; 8:39 a.m. Low water. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

TAYLOR'S WARNING TO THE PUBLIC VACCINATION, delays, misrepresentations and politics have brought Philadelphia's transit development to the brink of destruction. Coming events will soon prove this fact. When the construction of the high-speed lines is indefinitely postponed and the car riders of Philadelphia are thus denied the facilities and transfers which were arranged and made available on an equitable basis for their relief, they will take the transit problem into their own hands and settle it in their own interest, and I shall be glad to help them do it. Am Taylor June 28, 1917.

MAYOR FOR CITY OPERATION OR LEASE TO INDEPENDENTS IF P. R. T. REJECTS OFFER

Smith Outlines Program to Force Company Into Agreement or Else Prevent Its Having Anything to Do With System. Mayor Smith's first official act today upon his return from the transit fight at Harrisburg was to sign the Council's ordinance authorizing Director of Transit Twining to prepare a new lease for the operation of the city-built high-speed lines, to be submitted to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The Mayor announced that, following the defeat of the Salus transit bill in the State House of Representatives yesterday, he was preparing a new plan for rapid transit for Philadelphia, independent of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The bill which he signed today was passed by Councils last week. The Mayor said his new transit program would be as follows: Place the city in a position to operate its lines as a separate system, independent of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. To accomplish this, obtain authority for the construction of the Chestnut street subway as essential to the new plan. Have Transit Director Twining file next Monday with the Public Service Commission an application for certificates permitting the construction of the Chestnut street subway. Upon the issuance of these necessary certificates order the work of construction on all the lines to proceed with all practicable speed. Have Director Twining, in pursuance of the order of Councils, proceed at once to prepare a new contract for submission to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. Seek independent operation of the city-owned lines if the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company shall reject this new contract.

PHILS SCORE IN EIGHTH OF SECOND

Banny Counts First Tally on Gavy's Hit—Oeschger in Form. CHENEY ALSO HURLS WELL. EBBETS PARK, Brooklyn, N. Y., June 28. Joe Oeschger and Larry Cheney looked up in a great pitching duel today in the second half of the double-header between the Phillies and the Dodgers. In the first seven innings each team made three hits, all hitably scattered. Oeschger was wild and gave six bases on balls in the time, but he was effective in pinches and received excellent support. Myers played first for Brooklyn after the first inning as a result of a slight injury to Johnson in sliding in the first game. Each team filled up the bases once, but each time there were two out, and there were no casualties. There were \$500 on hand at the second game. The Phils lost the first, 5 to 3, with Bixey on the hill. Cravath's single in the eighth scored Bancroft, who had doubled, with the first run of the second game.

PHILS SCORE IN EIGHTH OF SECOND

Want Tentative Figure for July 1, With Inquiry to Follow TO APPOINT COMMITTEE. WASHINGTON, June 28. Late this afternoon the size of the cut in the price of coal had not been definitely decided upon, but the operators were in conference with officials, and it was stated that when the maximum price was agreed upon it would be from \$1.50 to \$2 per ton lower than the prevailing prices. A formal announcement was promised for tonight. In any event, it was made certain the American public will save millions of dollars through today's action.

ROOT MISSION VISITS BRUSSLOFF AT FRONT

American Commissioners at Russian Headquarters, While Gen. Scott Inspects Slav Lines. PETROGRAD, June 27 (delayed). Major General Scott, chief military member of the American Mission, was at the Russian front today for a lengthy tour. Former Senator Root and civilian commissioners will remain for a short time at headquarters. The American party reached General Brussloff's headquarters yesterday. While in Moscow, it became known today that Root was forced to go to St. Stephen's Hospital for treatment for a severe cold. Root had made five speeches in one day there with the temperature at 104 and was greatly exhausted. He had entirely recovered today.

CHILD KILLED BY TROLLEY CAR

READING, Pa., June 28.—Frightened by a fast approaching motorcycle speeding to pass Sixth and Laurel streets before a trolley car stopped, Joseph Litack, aged four years, of 427 Laurel street, ran in front of the car and was killed when the front wheel passed over his neck, covering the head from the body.

LATEST SPORTS

GRIFFMEN OPEN HERE WITH VICTORY WASHINGTON 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 1-4 8 3 ATHLETICS 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0-3 9 1 Johnson and Almsmith; R. Johnson and Haley. Diacen, McCormick.

PHILS AND DODGERS SPLIT DOUBLE-HEADER PHILLIES, 1st G. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0-3 5 3 BROOKLYN 1 3 0 1 1 3 0 0 0 x-5 10 3 Bixey and Killefer; Marquard and Myers. Klein and Braunfeld.

PHILLIES, 2d G. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0-1 6 0 BROOKLYN 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 3 3 Oeschger and Burns; Cheney and Miller. Klein and Braunfeld.

JOHNSON DEFEATS JOHNSON ATHLETICS r h o a e WASHINGTON r h o a e Witt, ss 0 2 4 1 0 Innes, 1b 1 3 4 0 0 Strunk, cf 0 1 3 0 0 Shanks, rf 1 1 5 3 1 Bodie, lf 0 0 0 0 0 Miller, cf 0 2 1 0 0 Bates, 3b 1 2 0 2 0 Bies, rf 0 1 1 0 0 McInnis, lb 1 3 12 1 0 Leonard, 2b 0 0 0 0 1 Gooch, rf 0 0 0 0 1 Menosky, lf 1 0 3 0 0 Haley, c 0 0 2 1 0 Murray, 2b 0 1 4 2 1 Grover, 2b 1 0 2 7 0 Armstrong, lf 0 2 9 3 0 R. Johnson, p 0 1 1 3 0 W. Johnson, p 0 0 0 2 0 Schang, c 0 0 1 0 0 Totals 3 9 27 15 1 Totals 4 8 27 10 3

OSCHGER HOLDS ROBINS WHILE MORANMEN WIN PHILLIES r h o a e BROOKLYN r h o a e Oeschger, p 0 1 1 0 0 Olson, ss 0 0 2 3 0 Bancroft, 1b 1 2 5 3 0 Johnson, lb 0 0 0 0 0 Steele, 2b 0 1 1 0 0 H. Myers, cf 1b 0 0 10 0 1 Cravath, rf 0 1 2 0 0 Stengel, rf 0 0 2 0 0 V. Hess, lf 0 0 1 0 0 Wheat, lf 0 2 3 0 0 Ebbets, 1b 0 0 12 1 0 Cutshaw, 2b 0 0 1 2 1 Nieber, 2b 0 0 2 4 0 Mowrey, 3b 0 0 0 0 1 Burns, c 0 1 2 3 0 Miller, c 0 0 5 1 0 Oeschger, p 0 0 1 1 0 Cheney, p 0 0 0 3 0 Hickman, cf 0 1 4 0 0 Totals 1 6 27 12 9 Totals 0 3 27 9 3

AMERICAN LEAGUE NEW YORK 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0-2 9 2 BOSTON (1st G.) 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 x-3 2 0 Fisher and Numamaker; Leonard and Thomas.

NEW YORK 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 BOSTON (2d G.) 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 Caldwell and Alexander; Pennock and Ames.

ST. LOUIS 0 0 0 1 3 0 1 0 0-5 12 1 CLEVELAND 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 1 Flank and Severeid; Boehlig and O'Neill.

DETROIT (1st G.) 0 0 0 0 2 1 1 0 1 6 15 2 CHICAGO 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0-5 12 2 Boland and Stange; Russell and Schalk.

POSTPONED—RAIN NATIONAL LEAGUE BOSTON 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0-2 3 1 NEW YORK 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 x-3 7 0 Ragan and Tragesor; Schupp and Gibson.

CINCINNATI 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 PITTSBURGH 0 0 4 2 0 0 0 0 0 Toney and Wingo; Steele and Fischer.

CHICAGO 0 1 0 0 ST. LOUIS 0 2 0 0 Douglass and Elliott; Packard and Gonzales.

BOND BUYERS POUR GOLDEN FLOOD INTO TREASURY

WASHINGTON, June 28.—A golden flood swept in upon the Treasury, its branches throughout the country and the twelve Federal Reserve Banks today. Purchasers of Liberty Loan bonds throughout the nation were making the second payment of 18 per cent on the covered certificates. In the meantime, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving was working at highest speed in an effort to get the bonds off the press in time for distribution to cash purchasers next week.

ITALIAN DEPUTIES INDORSE BOSELLI MINISTRY

ROME, June 28.—The Chamber of Deputies today voted, 227 to 28, to extend support to the government for another month, provisionally. The vote indicates strongest support for the Boselli ministry.

SENATE SPIKES APPOINTMENTS OF BRUMBAUGH

Turns Down 8 Nominees and "Censors" Governor's Expense Fund. ENEMY MUST O. K. ITEMS

How Legislature Wound Up "Do-Nothing" Session

SALUS transit bill defeated. Vare anti-narcotic bill, one of two humanitarian acts, finally passed. Rejects eight of Governor's appointees. Fifty thousand dollars appropriated for re-establishment of Nautical School. Commission to study insurance laws established. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for State home for inebriates appropriated.

ATTACK "EXPENSE" FUND Governor Brumbaugh's contingent fund account is to be under the immediate supervision of Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, his bitterest enemy. The Conference Committee, which had the general appropriation bill, struck from the measure the words "in the discretion of the Governor" in dealing with the contingent fund. Expenditures of the Governor now will be subject to the approval of the Auditor General. Early in the session when the Governor's expense accounts were under fire, it developed that the former State Auditor's honeymoon in the South at the expense of the State, also that the State had been paying the Governor's tailor for pressing his trousers.

DECAPITATE WITH A VENGEANCE

In one or two instances the Senate performed the work of decapitation with a vengeance, and in other cases gave the appointees a close run for their money and killed them as they were about to pass under the wire. The mallet fist was felt heaviest by N. R. Buller, of Wayne, who was reappointed Fish Commissioner. His name was rejected by the Senate 25 to 15. The appointment of Daniel Lafan for Banking Commissioner was turned down 28 to 17, while Dr. Edward Long, of Franklin, appointed as head of the Department of Printing and Binding, lost out 23 to 24.

PHILADELPHIA'S CLOSE RUN

William Young, of Philadelphia, appointed to a place on the State Industrial Board, had the closest shave of all. He failed for the reason that he was only able to land a tie, 23 to 23, which number in itself usually goes with defeat. More emphatic was the fall down of B. Frank Heston, of Harrisburg, who had an appointment for Certified Public Accountant was rejected 25 to 15. Senator Baldwin, of Potter, objected to the appointment of Robert K. Young as Public Service Commissioner. The former State Treasurer, comes from Senator Baldwin's district. Baldwin said that he opposed the appointment of Young because the former State Treasurer was an "irregular" Republican.

PRESIDENT TO ORDER EMBARGO ON WHEAT

Unauthorized Shipments to Allies and Neutrals Alike Will Be Stopped. WASHINGTON, June 28. An order placing an absolute embargo on unauthorized wheat shipments from this country is on President Wilson's desk awaiting his signature this afternoon. The President probably will sign and issue the embargo order tonight. It was learned this afternoon. When the embargo goes into effect, which probably will be immediately after the order is issued, all wheat shipments will be made subject to the approval of the newly formed export council. Wheat exports to the Allies, as well as to neutrals, will have to be licensed before they will be allowed to clear from American ports.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table with columns for Club, Won, Lost, Pct., Win, Loss. Includes National League and American League teams.